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10th floor, West Tower, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
Attention: Nancy Martins

RE: PH25.10 A New Regulatory Framework for Multi-Tenant Houses

Dear Deputy Mayor Ana Bailao, Chair, and Members, Planning and Housing Committee

Deer Park is one of the areas of the former City of Toronto where rooming houses have been permitted for years along with enforcement measures.

The Deer Park Residents Group is writing to express our support in principle for the recommendation to create a new comprehensive regulatory and compliance framework - zoning bylaw amendments, licensing requirements, enhanced enforcement and programs to support tenants - for multi-tenant houses across Toronto.

We recognize that expanding permission for rooming houses across the city is important to ensure affordable housing options. Experience in the City of Toronto which has allowed rooming houses for years, shows the need for such housing, but also the need for licensing and enforcement to both ensure a safe home for residents, as well as to prevent problems in the neighbourhood. We also agree with the phasing in of permissions, starting with bringing illegal buildings into compliance with all regulations.

We support the recommendation for enhanced enforcement as this is essential to ensure that multi-tenant housing is safe and healthy for residents, and the surrounding community.

Yours sincerely,

**Cynthia Crysler**

President, Deer Park Residents Group

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